

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application K. Thomas et al.
of:

Application No.: 09/898,255

Filed: July 3, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING
AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD
PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A
TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE

Confirmation No.: 1910

Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: Daniel St. Cyr

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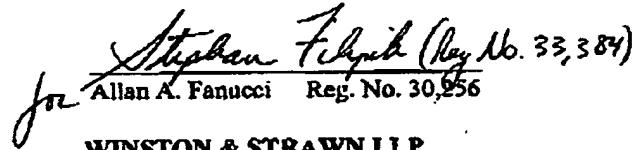
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004 be extended for a period of one (1) month from August 24, 2004 to and including September 24, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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